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The following observations were made at Grossenhain airfield between 21 and 31 July 1952:

21 July. Flying was practiced throughout the day.

22 July. There was air activity in the evening.

24 and 25 July. During the mornings, flying was practiced.

26 July. Between 5 and 6 a.m. and 5 and 8 p.m., there was flying by 5 to 6 MiG-15s. Three planes took off individually and in rapid succession and made local flights for about 6 minutes.

27 July. There was no flying throughout the day. No engine noise was heard. Six MiG-15s were parked on the southern edge of the landing field. (1)

29 July. Between 8:30 and 11 p.m., there was night flying by MiG-15s with set position lights. The smokestack of the nearby paper factory had a red obstacle light. A rotary searchlight was in operation.

31 July. During the morning and in the evening from 8 until after 11 p.m., flying by MiG-15s was observed. The searchlight was switched on. (2)

2. On 23 July, about 100 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets marched along the road from Nauendorf to the field. this unit was quartered in Nauendorf and daily marched to the field for meals.

3. AAA gun emplacements were observed in the southwestern corner and in the northwestern section of the field. (3)

4. Three or four gasoline containers which were covered with sheet metal were observed on the northern edge of the landing field close to the road to Elsterwerda. They were about two thirds underground. (4)

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[redacted] two trucks, which were loaded with furniture, came from the direction of Meissen and moved toward the field.

6. On 30 July between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., no air activity was observed at the field. Eight to ten fighters were parked behind the largest hangar in the south-eastern section of the field. (5) A board fence, about 2 meters high, extended along Highway No 101 which leads from Berlin to Dresden; the fence was strictly guarded. The only gap in the fence between km markers 16.3 and 16.6 permits observation of a section of the field, particularly the runway. Nine railroad tank cars were parked on the spur track.

7. On 31 July, swept-back jet fighters, [redacted] were observed at the field. (1) 25X1

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[redacted] Comments.

- (1) [redacted] 25X1
- (2) The information on flying activity shows that the status of training of the two fighter regiments at Grossenhain airfield, which were activated in the fall of 1951, has progressed so far that intensive night flying by individual planes is practiced.
- (3) The presence of AAA guns at the field is known. [redacted] batteries of an unidentified caliber are possibly located at the field. 25X1
- (4) The location of the fuel containers agrees with available information.
- (5) It is believed that Grossenhain airfield is occupied by 50 to 60 MiG-15s, most of which are parked in the hangars.

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